



Proclamation

Presented to

The United Visayan Community of Hawaii, Inc.

WHEREAS, The United Visayan Community of Hawaii, Inc., chartered on August 20, 1948, is the second oldest Filipino organization in Hawai'i; its founding fathers were *sakadas*, sugar plantation workers who arrived in Hawai'i back in the early 1900s; and

WHEREAS, The United Visayan Community of Hawaii, Inc. was organized to assist immigrants in time of need and support families who can trace their roots back to islands such as Cebu, SuQUIJOR, Bohol, Panay, Leyte, Negros, Romblon, Masbate and Samar in the central Philippines; and

WHEREAS, The United Visayan Community of Hawaii, Inc. was the first Filipino organization to buy property in 1957 in Waipahu to build a clubhouse; opened its doors in 1962, and served as a place where plantation workers and their families could socialize, get information and support; and

WHEREAS, The United Visayan Community of Hawaii, Inc. in the early 1960s had reached an all time high of 2,000 members, and presently maintain a membership of about 500 people who represent second and third generation families members of *sakadas*; and

WHEREAS, The United Visayan Community of Hawaii, Inc. is celebrating 63 years of friendship and advocacy for the Visayan people, and their contributions to the cultural diversity of the Aloha State; and

THEREFORE I, NEIL ABERCROMBIE, Governor, and I, BRIAN SCHATZ, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim August 20, 2011 as

"UNITED VISAYAN COMMUNITY OF HAWAII, INC. DAY"

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join us in congratulating the UVC for 63 years of outstanding service to our communities.

DONE at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this fifteenth day of August, 2011.

NEIL ABERCROMBIE
Governor, State of Hawai'i

BRIAN SCHATZ
Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i

